



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

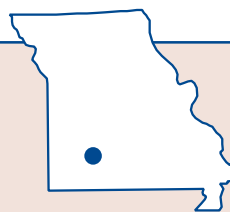
Springfield, MO

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Springfield was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Of the city's 151,580 residents, 7,244 live in the target areas of Springfield City Center, West Central Neighborhood, and Jordan Valley Park. Of these residents, about 35 percent live below the poverty level, more than double the city's rate. More than 72 percent of the target area residents are low- to moderate-income. The median yearly household income in the target area is less than half the city median income. The unemployment rate of 9.7 percent is more than twice the city-wide rate. The city has identified 574 brownfield sites within the 300-acre Jordan Valley Park area. Cleanup and redevelopment of these sites into recreational facilities and park space



Assessment Grant

**New
2004**

\$150,000 for hazardous substances

\$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Springfield for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds and petroleum grant funds will both be used to conduct environmental assessments on properties in the city's former industrial corridor, associated with their acquisition for the Jordan Valley Park project. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used for project management, eight Phase I site assessments, and three Phase II site assessments of sites contaminated with hazardous substances. Petroleum grant funds will be used for project management, eight Phase I site assessments, and three Phase II site assessments of sites contaminated with petroleum. Grant funds will also be used for remediation planning and community outreach.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields

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Grant Recipient: Springfield, MO

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

are expected to lead to new economic development, new jobs, and an increase in tax revenues.